

Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 50-734/S-005

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Attention: Lynne Fahey McGrath, MPH, Ph.D.

Associate Director, Global Regulatory Affairs

Dear Dr. McGrath:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated November 2, 1999, received November 4, 1999, and submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Idamycin PFS (idarubicin hydrochloride injection). This application is subject to the exemption provisions contained in section 125(d)(2) of Title I of the FDA Modernization Act of 1997.

We acknowledge receipt of your submission dated December 10, 2002 and your electronic mail message dated January 13, 2003.

This supplemental new drug application provides for the addition of a "Geriatric Use" subsection to the PRECAUTIONS section of the package insert in compliance with 21 CFR § 201.57(f)(10).

We completed our review of this application, as amended. This application is approved, effective on the date of this letter, for use as recommended in the agreed-upon labeling text.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (text for the package insert submitted January 14, 2003).

Please submit the FPL electronically according to the guidance for industry titled Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – NDA. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available, in no case more than 30 days after it is printed. Please individually mount ten of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, this submission should be designated "FPL for approved supplement NDA 50-734/s-005." Approval of this submission by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HF-2 FDA 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, call Brenda Atkins, Regulatory Project Manager, at (301) 594-5767.

Sincerely,

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